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1. At present the East German press agency ADN (Allgemeiner Deutscher Nachrichtendienst) is undergoing a structural reorganization. ADN is to be reorganized on the model of TASS. As to the present ADN was a company with limited liabilities, an institution of all the bloc parties. This is now to be changed, and it is assumed that ADN will be placed officially under the jurisdiction of the East German government.
2. The sources for ADN reports are Eastern and Western press agencies, the press office of the Minister-President, and ADN's own correspondents. [redacted] ADN has no correspondents in foreign countries and maintains only loose contacts with Czech journalists in Prague. Reports from Prague are transmitted to ADN directly by teletype.

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correspondents are in contact with the Agitation Department of the Central Committee of the SED. Important news items are sent via courier directly to the Central Committee.

3. The only East German local correspondents whose contributions to ADN are of any importance are those working for Neues Deutschland and the Tribune.
4. Reports from Soviet sources - TASS, Moscow Radio, the Russian press, and SOG reports - are given preferential treatment at ADN and the text of such reports is never changed essentially. Except for official reports of the SOG, these news items cannot be used after they have already become known through other sources.
5. Special directions for the treatment of the news are determined daily in a session of the chief editors of ADN held at the Aitrop Department of the Central Committee. On the next day ADN reports on the publication of individual news items in the newspapers, and, in the case of a bad printing (schlechter Abdruck), calls to account the newspaper concerned.
6. All East German newspapers receive ADN news items by teletype first and

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then daily by messenger in Rotaprint (Mimeograph) form. East German and East Berlin newspapers are not obliged, however, to print all news items furnished by ADN.

7. Since January 1953 all Western foreign correspondents receive ADN reports only with the approval of the East German Foreign Ministry; indeed, ADN news items are handed out directly from the Ministry. The exception to this is, of course, TASS, which gets ADN reports directly and in the Russian language.
8. The relationship between ADN and the Information Office (Press office of the Minister-President) is purely of a business nature. The Press Office is currently placed over ADN. ADN is in contact with all East German offices and with the SCC. It does not, however, maintain liaison with the Soviet Consulate.
9. There are no Russian co-workers directly in ADN. From time to time a representative of the SCC visits the various ADN editorial offices on an inspection tour.
10. ADN is not in direct contact with any of the foreign satellite press agencies. News items are received from the satellites only by radio.
11. Of the 680 people employed by ADN about 130 are members of the SED. Most of the leading positions (Chief Editor, Editors, and the like) are held by SED members.
12. Since the reorganization of the Office for Information into the Press Office of the Minister-President, Gerhard Eisler has appeared in public only at a few public lectures.

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